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FLUOROPHORES TO GENERATE
DONOR-TO-DONOR ENERGY
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continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 07/790,262, filed November 7, 1991, now abandoned. Applicant claims priority to all of the above patents and applications under 35 U.S.C §§ 119, 120, and all of the above patents and applications are expressly herein incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

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